

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)									
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____			COUNTY OF _____			CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____			
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.									
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION <i>(See instruction 1.)</i> a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> b. SEX c. RACE <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> d. DATE OF BIRTH e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. <i>(passport, ID card)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>						6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION <i>(This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>			
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION <i>(Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)</i> a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. <i>(if known)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>						7. REMARKS <i>(Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>			
3. VOTING RESIDENCE <i>(For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)</i> a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> b. NUMBER AND STREET <i>(Do not use Post Office Box)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE d. STATE <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> e. COUNTY OR PARISH f. ZIP CODE <i>(9 -digit, if known)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>						8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: <i>(See Instructions)</i> a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S. c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent. d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement. f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. h. The information on this form is true and complete.			
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: <i>(Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>						i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT j. DATE <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>			
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER <i>(If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>						9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE <i>(If required by state law)</i> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>			

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I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of American Samoa and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (Consult Section B below for ballot type eligibility).

B. When To Do It

You must submit a separate FPCA for each election in a calendar year.

You must register in person to vote a ballot for local offices.

You may register absentee to vote a ballot for Federal offices only.

(1) **If you are an unregistered citizen**, the chief election officer must receive your FPCA not later than 4:30 p.m., 30 days before the election.

If you are a registered citizen, the chief election officer must receive your FPCA between 75 and 15 days before the election.

(2) Return your voted ballot so that it arrives at the Election Office by the close of polls on election day.

Local election officials mail ballots as soon as official ballots are printed and available, and if your request for absentee ballot was sent no later than 15 days before the election.

Due to its territorial status, American Samoa does not send representatives to the U.S. Senate or directly participate in the election of the President and Vice President of the U.S. At the Federal level, only a Delegate to the House of Representatives is elected.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

C. Oath/Witness Requirements

You must have the FPCA sworn to by a person authorized to administer oaths.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- American Samoa allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- American Samoa does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- American Samoa does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use only the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527
1-800-368-8683

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

The following procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of American Samoa and overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen(s)” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in American Samoa.

B. When To Do It

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(1) If you are an unregistered overseas citizen, the chief election officer must receive your FPCA not later than 4:30 p.m., 30 days before the election.

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons under guardianship, found incompetent, or convicted of a felony may not register or vote. Felons may vote if restored to civil rights or on good behavior for two years from the date of conviction or release from prison, whichever is later.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is canceled for failure to vote in two consecutive elections.

C. Action on Registration Request

No notice of registration is sent.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the board of registration. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to:

Chief Election Officer
American Samoa Government
P.O. Box 3970
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

“The Future Is Just A Vote Away”

by Michelle Elsbury, Peace Corps, West Africa

